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<b>Congressman Dan Lungren, Representing California's Capital Region - 3rd District</b>		
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<p>Dear &lt;:Firstname:&gt;,</p> <p>It is a tremendous honor serving you and I hope the first edition of the 2006 "Lungren Letter" answers many of the questions you have about the happenings in the Congress and their impact on our district and across the Golden State. As always, please feel free to call my office at (916) 859-9906 or visit my <a href="#">Web site</a> with your questions and concerns.</p> 		<p><b>Please Feel Free to Tell a Friend</b></p> <p>E-mail: <input type="text"/></p> <p>E-mail: <input type="text"/></p> <p>E-mail: <input type="text"/></p> <p><input type="button" value="Send"/></p>
<p>Congressman Lungren Participating in a Judiciary Committee Hearing (Congressman Bill Jenkins TN-1 is to the left)</p> <p>It has been a busy and productive first two months of 2006. The Holiday recess as well as my extended February return to the district allowed me to spend valuable time at home. Upon my return to Washington D.C. I am able to share the stories I have heard through telephone town hall meetings, your letters and emails, and the many town hall meetings held through out the District. The Washington office is continually buzzing with district constituents, and we are always happy to make your trip to the Nation's Capital as enjoyable, entertaining and informative as possible. If you are planning a trip to Washington D.C. and wish to arrange a tour of the Capitol or any of the other awe-inspiring monuments in DC, <a href="#">please contact my office for assistance</a> We are always happy to help.</p>		<p><b>E-MAIL UPDATES</b></p> <p><b>Yes, please periodically send me e-mail updates.*</b></p> <p><input type="button" value="Click Here"/></p> <p><small>*By subscribing to my e-mail updates, you are authorizing me to send regular e-mail updates from my office to your e-mail account.</small></p>
<b>Capital Region Development and the U.S. Army Corp</b>		

## **of Engineers**

Earlier this month I met with representatives from the United States Army Corp of Engineers, Sacramento Council of Governments, Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, North State BIA, and other Capital Region area stakeholders in Washington D.C. to address the concerns of many District residents that the regulatory process of the US Army Corps of Engineers is impeding essential residential, environmental and business development in the area.

The U.S. Army Corp of Engineers oversees the Nation's waterways, including the regulation of construction and renovation projects near and around waterways. That oversight has affected and delayed more than 600 proposed projects throughout the Capital Region in recent years.

I am encouraged by the progress that was made during this meeting and optimistic that we can continue to build on that momentum as we work toward a solution that benefits the people of the Capital Region.

## **HOMELAND SECURITY**

### **The Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act**

As you may know, I proudly serve on the House Judiciary committee which, among other things, is responsible for addressing the issue of illegal immigration in the United States. To help the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Immigration and Naturalization Service in their effort to achieve operational control of American borders, the Committee introduced H.R. 4437 the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act. H.R. 4427 was passed by the House of Representatives on December 16th, 2005, and is now awaiting approval by the Senate.

### **Expedited removal**

One important provision of the Border Protection, Antiterrorism and Illegal Immigration Act is the establishment of an effective Expedited Removal program. I offered this provision as an amendment to H.R. 4437 to establish the parameters for the removal of illegal immigrants who have spent fewer than 14 days in the United States and are apprehended within 100 miles of the border with Mexico or Canada. An additional provision within the DHS's Secure Border Initiative allows for due process to those illegal aliens who have a credible fear of persecution or torture, ensuring they are able to present their case for asylum before an immigration judge.

The Department of Homeland Security has recently adopted a similar policy for the Expedited Removal of illegal immigrants that has resulted in the removal of more than 4,750 illegal aliens since September of 2005.

Capital Region Flood Control

The President's Budget was submitted to Congress on February 6th and a number of Capital Region flood control concerns will be addressed in the coming fiscal year. Those projects receiving funding for 2007 include:

- \$10.9 million for the Sacramento River Bank Protection Project
- \$7.3 million for South Sacramento County Streams
- \$4.4 million for American River Common Features
- \$15 million for continued construction on the Folsom Dam Bridge
- \$8.4 million for the American River Dam Raise
- \$6 million for the American River Folsom Dam Modifications

Capital Region families are all too familiar with the threat flood waters pose to our safety, our homes and our livelihoods. Understanding the significance of this threat, I have joined with a number of California representatives to identify and secure the federal funds necessary to address the problem. In October of this year I joined Senator Feinstein, Congressman Pombo, Congresswoman Matsui and Congressman Thomas, to request the President consider a number of programs and projects for federal funding. The majority of the projects and programs for which we requested federal funding were included in the President's budget.

Since my return to Congress in 2005 I have worked closely with Congressman John Doolittle (Roseville CA-04) to obtain the federal recognition and funding necessary to modify the American River Dam and the Folsom Dam to ensure their long-term effectiveness. This year's budget submission is a down payment on the future security of the area and a clear sign that the President understands the risk of inaction with regard to flood control and protection.



### **Upcoming Town Hall Meetings**

**Monday March 20, 2006**

**from 7:00 PM-9:00 PM**

American River Meeting Room  
2729 Prospect Park Drive  
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

**Saturday April 22, 2006**

**from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Rio Vista City Hall  
One Main Street  
Rio Vista, CA 94571

### **IN OUR DISTRICT...**

Since the last Lungren Letter, many of you have shared your

concerns and comments with me at one of the town hall meetings we have held through out the district or over the phone during a telephone town hall meeting. I have also had the opportunity to visit a number of communities throughout the district and visit with state and local officials to discuss the issues important to us all.

### **SERVING YOU...**

My staff is always available to assist you in any matters relating to federal agencies, including the Internal Revenue Service, the Social Security Administration and Department of Veteran's Affairs. Please contact my office for more information or visit our [website](#)

### **TOWN HALLS ACROSS THE DISTRICT**

We have conducted numerous town hall meetings throughout the District in the past two months. Though not everyone at meetings agrees on every topic, the opportunity for residents to ask questions and discuss the issues important to the 3rd District allows me and my staff to better understand your concerns and how particular issues affect 3rd District residents.



Congressman Lungren taking questions at his town hall meeting in Elk Grove in January

When discussing important issues with fellow Members of Congress at Committee Hearings, on the floor of the House of Representatives or in the Member's Dining Hall, there is nothing more valuable then being able to refer to a specific story or comment you have shared with me. These town hall meetings also afford me the opportunity to introduce my district staff to the community and offer their assistance to District residents requiring assistance. To learn more about a town hall meeting scheduled in your community please visit my [website](#), or call the district office at (916) 859-9906.

### **TELE-TOWN HALL MEETINGS**

Over the past three months it is likely you have received a phone call from my office inviting you to join me in a "live" town hall meeting held toll free over the telephone. Thanks to advances in

telecommunication technology, thousands of 3rd District residents have joined me "live" over the phone to ask questions and discuss important issues.

Whenever possible, we hold these tele-town hall meetings and welcome you to join us. If you would like to ask a question, make a comment or just listen to the questions and concerns of other 3rd District residents, simply follow the prompts when you receive a phone call inviting you to join a "live" meeting. I look forward to hearing from you soon. If you would like more information please contact my office (916) 859-9906 or visit my [website](#)

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

On January 17th I had the honor of swearing Christopher W. Boyd as the first Chief of Police for the City of Citrus Heights' newly formed police department.



Congressman Lungren Police Chief in Sheriff Christopher Boyd in the City's Council Chambers.

Chief Boyd joined the Citrus Heights Police Department after serving as the Chief of Police in Menlo Park in the Bay Area. We welcome him to the District and wish Chief Boyd the best of luck as he works to establish the Citrus Heights Police Department within the community.

### **WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU**

My staff and I are ready to assist you with your questions and concerns. You may contact my office in Gold River at (916) 859-9906 or by clicking on the [Feedback Form](#) located on the front page of my Congressional website.

In an effort to save you time and the American taxpayers postage costs, I would like to continue to send you electronic updates on the issues and legislation important to you. The [website](#) also serves as an excellent resource for updates on what is happening in the Congress as well as news impacting the 3rd Congressional District. My staff and I are always available to address your concerns, answer your questions, and listen to your ideas.

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If you would like to attend an upcoming town hall and would like to inquire about the availability of services for the hearing impaired.

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